



**Grant**  
**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12**  
**AGENDA DATE: Thu 08/05/2004**  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of \$80,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the Austin Police Department project entitled "Outreach to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking."

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act for a 10-month grant period September 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. An in-kind match of \$41,645 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel expenses for grant funded FTEs and is included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department (APD), Victim Services Program.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Police  
**DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Rick Coy

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-0521

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Applied for grant under Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding on January 29, 2004.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This action authorizes the City to apply for and accept \$80,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the Austin Police Department to provide "Outreach to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking." The grant period will run from September 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005.

An in-kind match of \$41,645 is required and will be met by continuing the existing salary funding and additional personnel expenses. Funding is included in the proposed FY 2004-2005 Operating Budget for the Austin Police Department (APD), Victim Services Program. APD Victim Services had applied for funding under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funding, but due to a reduction in federal funds, is now applying under the VOCA grant program. The grant period has been modified to adjust to the normal VOCA funding schedule.

The grant funds two full-time equivalent (FTE) Victim Counselors to provide counseling, service referrals, and assistance to more than 1,000 victims through the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Protection Team. The grant also provides funding to train the counselors on workplace violence prevention. The counselors work in coordination with other Team members to reduce victim trauma. The Team is a collaboration of agencies including Family Violence Detectives and Victim Services Counselors in the Austin Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, the Travis County



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District Attorney's Office, the Women's Advocacy Project, Texas Rural Legal Aid, the Travis County Attorney's Office, and SafePlace.

*The goal of the Family Violence Protection Team is to provide comprehensive services at a single location in order to reduce the burden of service coordination often experienced by the victims of family violence.*

This grant addresses the Department goal of reducing crime, fear of crime, and improving the quality of life of Austin's residents. It also addresses the following APD Program Objective: The purpose of the Victim Services program is to respond to the psychological and emotional needs of victims/families, neighbors and community members experiencing crime and/or trauma so that they can recover more quickly and completely from the effects of victimization.

Program effectiveness of this grant will be measured as follows:

| Measure   | Current Data<br>(12/02 - 11/03) | Target Level<br>(12/03-11/04) |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Number of primary and secondary victims receiving crisis intervention services from the counselors  | 1,040                           | 1,100                         |
| Number of follow-up contacts made with the families receiving crisis intervention services from the counselors  | 1,167                           | 1,200                         |
| The percentage of victims responding positively to an APD Victim Services customer service survey who were served by Family Violence Protection Team counselors | 95%                             | 95%                           |

**RESOLUTION NO. 040805**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application for and acceptance of \$80,000 in grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) for the Austin Police Department project entitled “Outreach to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the proposed application for and acceptance of State grant renewal funds for said project, in the amount of \$80,000 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Victims of Crime Act for the Austin Police Department for the Austin Police Department project entitled “Outreach to Female Victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to provide for the applicable \$80,000 cash match as required by the Victims of Crime Act grant application; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager, Rudy Garza, as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept,

reject, alter or terminate this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Criminal Justice Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Criminal Justice Division in full; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council approves the application for and acceptance of grant funding from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$80,000.

**ADOPTED:** August 5, 2004

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk